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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

Board of Supervisors
GLORIA MOLINA
First District

YVONNE B. BURKE
Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Third District

DON KNABE
Fourth District

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Fifth District

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:
ADOPT A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING TO THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC
ASSOCIATION THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR SPECIFIED AND EXCESS
FUNDS FOR THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL ACOUSTICS PROJECT UNDER THE SAFE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1992 AND 1996
(THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this action is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act as certified in the Final Environmental Impact Report and according to Section 15302 (c) of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 2 (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.
2. Adopt the Resolution assigning to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association the County's right to apply for \$346,829, of Third Supervisorial District residual Specified Funds allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 for the Hollywood Bowl Acoustics Project and also the right to apply for \$149,878, of Third Supervisorial District County Excess Funds allocated to the County under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for the Hollywood Bowl Acoustics Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to assign its right to apply for funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996 to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (LAPA) to fund improvements at the Hollywood Bowl as authorized under the Operating Lease Agreement.

Background

On March 21, 2006, your Board authorized an Amended Operating Lease Agreement with LAPA. Pursuant to Article 10.1 of the amended lease agreement, any alterations to the Hollywood Bowl must be requested in writing by LAPA and approved in writing by the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director).

In March 2007, the Director reviewed and approved LAPA's request for acoustical improvements at the Hollywood Bowl. The proposed improvements included: 1) replacement of the temporary sound containment wall with a permanent sound containment wall on the eastern side of the Hollywood Bowl creating a permanent acoustical barrier between the Bowl and the Whitley Heights neighborhood; 2) installation of speaker shrouds on the three existing stage speaker towers on the new shell to resolve internal and external acoustical issues related to the new shell; and 3) construction of valance panels behind the three stage speaker towers on the new shell. The acoustical improvements were implemented and completed by LAPA during and after the 2007 performance season. LAPA is now seeking reimbursement for a portion of these costs.

It is recommended that your Board approve the assignment of the right to apply for funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions 1992 and 1996 to LAPA to partially fund these improvements. In a related action on today's agenda, the Regional Park and Open Space District is requesting that your Board authorize the reallocation of 1992 Park Proposition Hollywood Bowl Specified Funds and 1996 Park Proposition Excess Funds allocated to the Third Supervisorial District to LAPA to partially fund these acoustical improvements.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations support the Board-approved Strategic Plan Goal Number 1, (Service Excellence), Goal Number 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), Goal Number 5 (Children and Families Well-Being), and Goal Number 6 (Community Service) by improving the acoustics at the Hollywood Bowl.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The acoustical improvements cost is \$986,011, including construction costs, design services, and other project related costs. The total project cost includes \$462,524 for the sound containment wall and \$523,487 for the speaker shrouds and valance panels. LAPA has agreed to fund \$489,304, which is approximately fifty percent of the total project cost. Your Board's approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to assign its right to apply for \$346,829 of 1992 Park Proposition Specified Funds for the Hollywood Bowl and \$149,878 of 1996 Park Proposition Excess Funds allocated to the Third Supervisorial District to LAPA to fund the remaining project cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Specified Project funds identified in Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (R) are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (18) of the 1992 Proposition. A revised plan of expenditure may be approved for expenditure of these funds after July 1, 1998, for expenditure of the funds in accordance with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition within the area of the District in which funds were originally authorized to be expended. The recommended action will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to assign its right to apply for the residual funds from the completed Hollywood Bowl project to LAPA to partially fund the acoustic improvements project.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method of determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended action will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to assign its right to apply for 1996 Park Proposition Excess Funds allocated to the Third Supervisorial District to LAPA to partially fund the acoustic improvements project.

County Counsel has approved the attached resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On September 12, 2000, your Board approved the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Hollywood Bowl Shell Rehabilitation Project and Acoustical Improvements. In June 2006, the Department of Parks and Recreation determined that a sound containment wall was exempt according to Section 15302 (c) of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 2 (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. The acoustic improvements project complies under both these environmental actions.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will not impact any other services or any current or planned projects, but will allow LAPA to apply for 1992 and 1996 Park Proposition funds to partially fund the acoustic improvements project at the Hollywood Bowl.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of the recommendations, please forward an adopted, stamped copy of the Board letter to my office.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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JSE:DJT:AV:z

Attachment

c: County Counsel
Parks and Recreation

**COUNTY ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS
FOR THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL ACOUSTICS PROJECT TO THE LOS
ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION FROM THE REGIONAL PARK
AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the County, under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (R) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 was allocated \$25,500,000 for improvements at the Hollywood Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 (Excess Funds) ; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies to implement the intent of the Propositions; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the County's best interest to assign to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association the right to apply for \$346,829 of residual Specified Funds remaining under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (R) and \$149,878 in Third Supervisorial District Excess Funds to complete the funding for the Hollywood Bowl Acoustics Project; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Philharmonic Association will accept the assignment and submit an application to the Regional Park and Open Space District to obtain a grant for the above-referenced project:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

Assigns to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association the County's right to apply for \$346,829 of residual Specified Funds from the 1992 Proposition and \$149,878 in Third Supervisorial District Excess Funds to complete the funding for the Acoustics Project at the Hollywood Bowl.

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The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 19TH day of FEB, 2008, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, Agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By _____

HELEN S. PARKER

Principal Deputy County Counsel